

TULARE COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE
MINUTES

January 25, 2005 Meeting
Marie Callendar's

Discussed Death Review Team

Hope to soon have a site link on the Court's web site to share new laws and training regarding domestic violence

Next Meeting: Commissioner Castellano-Perez to Record and CCLS to Facilitate

Judge Vortman addressed the task force on the importance of the DV Task Force

Tulare County Sheriff Office (TCSO): discussed their grant which is a 2 year VAWA Grant giving them 2 detectives exclusive to DV cases and in addition, Family Services of Tulare County has a advocate to co-ordinate: Detective Lightfoot will cover South County and Detective Ramos will cover North County. All reports from TCSO flow to the team. There is an Investigative Aide, Sgt. Laynor, who is in charge of the Unit.

Phone for Sgt. Laynor: 733-6294

Report from Porterville Police: patrol handles the entire case unless it is very serious with a PC245.

TCSO: discussed money for training for the DA and Sheriff

Commissioner Perez: discussed inclusion of children as victims and their eligibility for Victim Witness funded private counseling

Discussed last year's training and how very successful it was and need for more such training events

Task Force to give suggestions for training including the "need"

Training Needs Discussion: EPO Training and Dispatcher Training Requested

Central California Legal Services brought up and discussed Family Law Code §3044 and its implications and effects on families. The PD stated that they were unaware of §3044. The DA stated there is some concern that persons will use the law to gain an advantage in Family Law.

Pat Foster of Family Court Services: discussed the California Courts web site and that it allows persons to fill out their own court forms on line - site address: www.courtinfo.ca.gov

The IT is working on frequently asked questions and hope to have the DV Task Force have a link also

EZ Legal was developed by San Mateo County and has same ability for persons to fill out their own forms but it is somewhat different as it asks questions and types in the forms based on the answers to these questions.

A question was asked about where the EZLegal is available and also ICAN. Supposed to send brochures and information on ICAN to Commissioner Castellano-Perez. ICAN is web based and found at www.ikandocs.org

The Task Force members reviewed the Law Enforcement Agency Resource List which an officer brought to the meeting and it was determined that the list is out of date and needs revising.

Linda Compos and Lana French volunteered to update the law enforcement resource list.

It was discussed as where to obtain money to print the resource list. Members are to check their grants to see if they include dissemination of information.

Discussed establishing an interdisciplinary team to focus on children to explore interest and/or possibility of same - additionally, questions of where the money would come from

Linda Compos: CHAT House passed out information on child abuse and First Responder Training.